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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *13 January 2005*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,4-10,12-16 and 19-22* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1,4-10,12-16 and 19-22* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

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11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. *20050413* .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the Applicant's response filed 1/13/2005.

As indicated in Applicant's response, claims 1, 10, 16 and 21 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-10, 12-16,19-22 are pending in the office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unger et al, USPN: 5,991,713 (hereinafter Unger), in view of Porter et al., USPN: 6,163, 811, (hereinafter Porter); and further in view of Ainon, "Storing text using integer codes", 1986, *Proceedings of the 11th conference on Computational linguistics* (hereinafter Ainon)

As per claim 1, Unger discloses a method of compiling source program into a compiler products (e.g. Fig. 7) in a compressed form, said method comprising:

receiving a source program including one or more program symbols and non-program information (e.g. *vocabulary word, token* – col. 9, lines 5-30; *numeric string, currency symbols* – col. 10, lines 23-39; steps *212-214, 222* – Fig. 8 – Note: non-program symbols are pointer information for tag correspondence);

encoding a program symbol name to produce an encoded program name (see Fig. 8; Note: some form of encoding of textual and numerical symbols is inferred from encoding text

strings of HTTP page/document under HTML format and protocol - e.g. col. 4, lines 25-55 – and the fact of compressing symbol name or text of HTML source file implicitly discloses a form of encoding using a algorithm) , without changing the non-program symbol information (e.g. step 222 – Fig. 8);

producing a compressed compiler product based on at least the compressed compiler related information (e.g. step *218, 219*, Fig. 8; col. 12, lines 1-6).

But Unger does not disclose generating a differential name for the encoded program symbol of a source program being a high-level programming language. Compressing source program files like by Unger is furthered into compressing of a programming language written in C++, Java, Pascal, or Fortran via Porter. Porter, in a method to compress and transmit application code using tokenized source data and symbol storage and web page for source file (e.g. col. 2, line 21-34) analogous to Unger, discloses applying compression to Java program source code (e.g. col. 4, lines 6-24; Figs. 1-3). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a source program written in Java as taught by Porter and submit it to the compression process used by Unger because browser and supporting programming language like Java and its products are well-known and using Java code in a distributed scheme (see Porter: Background) is well-adapted for their portability and platform independency as well as support of many browser applications and material, i.e. HTML, XML applications just as suggested in Unger's invention.

Further Unger does not explicitly disclose generating a differential name for the encoded program symbol relative to a base symbol for the program symbol, the differential name having a reduced-size format as compared to the encoded program symbol name; nor does Unger disclose

that producing the compiler product includes the generated differential name. Based on the teaching by Porter's base/delta formatting (see Porter: col. 6, lines 44-54) for providing compressed files and the techniques of compression by Unger (e.g. *dictionary ... encoding, run-length encoding* - col. 10, line 23 to col. 11, line 44; *Huffman* -- col. 8. lines 45-52), the concept of producing a encoded representation with generating a differential portions of such representation with respect to a base element comprising a source file is strongly suggested or disclosed.

However, Unger combined with Porter does not explicitly teach that the base symbol is a containing scope being one of: a namespace, a package, a module, a container object or a function. The concept of base/delta by Porter is suggestive that the base part is portion common to a programming language constructs (or language encoded form) to which non-common or differential parts of the encoded file can be added to for composing a compressed programming language file.

Similar to identifying a common repeated strings (Note: encoded representation of a high level source file amounts to alpha numerical strings) and appending the rest of the sequences to this common group as mentioned above with Unger's run-length encoding and Porter's base/delta teaching, another technique by Ainon discloses a common ancestor/family group based on a family of word type (see pg. 419-420), which is equivalent to a containing scope or a namespace or a object-oriented package. Based on the understanding that OO programming language objects like C++, Java as taught by Porter necessarily contain a class or a ancestor object from which subclass or objects can be derived as extensions to those common class/package, the teaching by Ainon emphasizes on a container object (or ancestor object)

common to some differential/extension elements of a language that can be appended to form the compressed form as suggested by Porter/Unger base/delta scheme. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the compression by Unger or Porter using a base group, or base symbol as claimed, identified as an ancestor or family of word type, i.e. a container object or a ancestor package, as taught by Ainon, because since Unger or Porter discloses compression based on identifying common and repeated dictionary/symbol structures or language sequences, using the criteria of identifying common atomic elements based on family or ancestor of word type as taught by Ainon would also be a form of alleviating repeats as mentioned above, particularly if the source files to compress are object-oriented language constructs as by Porter as mentioned above, thus allow providing a compressed form founded on a base object and a delta object as set forth above.

As per claim 4, Unger discloses encoding an encoded program symbol name in the compiler information (Fig. 8; col. 8. lines 45-52; col. 4, lines 25-55) with an encoded format but does not explicitly specify identifying an encoded program symbol name that is encoded in an extended format encoding. But the fact of encoding by Unger, i.e. applying additional structure or code to hide the original atomic element of sequence of characters, text or token so to encode a source string or stream implicitly discloses extended format of such original source of data or characters otherwise encoding is no longer encoding because it exposes the very format of the original source data.

Unger does not explicitly disclose determining a differential encoding for the encoded symbol name relative to a base symbol, the differential encoding having reduced-size format as compared to the extended format; nor replacing the extended format encoding for the symbol

name with the differential encoding. The fact of compacting the base group or common group under some special structure leaving out the other encoded portions has been addressed in claim 1, hence the limitation as to determining a differential encoding relative to a base symbol, replacing said extended format encoding with the differential encoding, such differential encoding being smaller with respect to the original extended format would have been also obvious in light of the rationale as set forth in claim 1 above.

As per claims 5 and 6, Unger discloses determining an encoded program symbol name identifier (e.g. *token* – col. 8, line 54 to col. 9, line 14; *token range* – Fig. 9); and attaching such identifier to the encoding (Fig. 8; *token numbers* -- col .9, lines 39-54; steps *210,212* – Fig. 8 – Note: a string of tokens being identifiable by some integer reads on encoded program symbol name identifier). However, Unger does not disclose if an augmented differential encoding is needed, attaching a encoded program symbol name identifier to the differential encoding; nor does Unger teach that such identifier is a base symbol name. But these limitations have been addressed for obviousness in claim 1 above (with Ainon and Storer's teachings) and are herein rejected for the same rationale therein because identifying a common group, or a base group identified by some structure, to factor out is equivalent to determining whether a augmented differential encoding is needed and attaching the differential encoding to such common base type identifier and attaching thereto the differential encoding as suggested by Ainon and Storer.

As per claim 7, Unger discloses that the source program to compile is HTML material such as HTML, XML, SGML files (e.g. col. 5, lines 1-12); but does not specify that the source program is a programming language written in C++, Java, Pascal, or Fortran. Porter, in a method to compress application code using tokenized source data and symbol storage and web page for

source file (e.g. col. 2, line 21-34) as mentioned above, discloses applying compression to Java program source code (e.g. col. 4, lines 6-24; Figs. 1-3). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a source program written in Java as taught by Porter and submit it to the compression process used by Unger because Java language programming and its products are well-known for their portability and platform independency as well as support of many browser applications and material, i.e. HTML, XML applications just as suggested in Unger's invention, and for the reasons according to the rationale as set forth in claim 1.

As per claim 8, Unger discloses parsing and compressing browser documents but Porter from above discloses compressing of program code using tokenized process analogous to Unger. In view of the rationale in claim 1 using Porter's teachings for addressing the program code symbols parsing, the limitation as to compress an object code file would also have been obvious herein because one ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to combine using the browser compiler/parsing schemes by Unger and enhance those with capabilities to parse program code and compress such code as taught by Porter in order to yield compressed version of such parsed program as intended by Unger, because object code delivery in compressed form would facilitate distribution and storage resources saving; and for the reasons according to the rationale as set forth in claim 1.

As per claim 10, Unger discloses a method for generating uncompressed symbol names being associated (col. 9, lines 5-30; col. 10, lines 23-39) with compiler information, said method comprising:

receiving a source program including one or more program symbols and non-program information (e.g. .g. *vocabulary word, token* – col. 9, lines 5-30; *numeric string, currency symbols* – col. 10, lines 23-39; steps *212-214, 222* – Fig. 8)

identifying a compressed encoded symbol name being associated with compiler information (*token, words, strings* – col. 16, lines 8-17; Fig. 5 – Note: token is compiler information and symbol formatted inside a HTTP protocol is equivalent to being encoded under such HTML format or HTTP protocol);

obtaining information relating to the compressed symbol name (e.g. *dictionaries* – col. 38-55); and

decompressing the compressed encoded symbol name to obtain an encoded symbol name in a uncompressed form (e.g. col. 15, line 60 to col. 16, line 7).

Unger does not disclose program symbol names in a differential format and extracting a differential symbol and a reference to a base symbol. The limitation to encode a differential form of an encoded source file and determining which encoded form is a base symbol has been addressed in claim 1 using the base/delta teaching by Porter combined with the run-length encoding by Unger.

However, Unger does not explicitly teach that the base symbol is a containing scope being one of: a namespace, a package, a module, a container object or a function. The concept of providing compressed source file having containing scope such as a namespace or a container scope of a programming language has been mentioned via Porter's compression of programming language source files in claim 1; and combined with the ancestor container by Ainon this limitation would have been obvious if source files to compress using Unger encoding scheme is

enhanced with the base/delta by Porter wherein a portion common to a programming language constructs (or language encoded form) is isolated so that non-common or differential parts of the encoded file can be added to for composing a compressed programming language file (refer to rationale of claim 1).

As per claim 12, Unger discloses Run-Length encoding which implicitly teaches a combination of small variations and a grouping of repeated elements, hence has suggested a container for grouping the repeated elements in the sequence. Further, Porter teaches base/delta format and Ainon teaches a base type group based on dictionary families of words (see claim 1); hence the combination of Unger in view of Ainon/Porter would render this container limitation obvious in light of the rationale as set forth in claim 1.

As per claim 14, with respect to claim 13 (see below), Unger discloses using encoding technique to reduce size of the enhanced compiler product (Unger: *Huffman* -- col. 8. lines 45-52; *run-length* – col. 11, lines 38-44); but does not specify that such reduction is up to 40 percent of sizes of conventional compiler products. Ainon, in a analogous method to compress data based on dictionary of words using a family type to form a base group as disclosed in claim 1, discloses a better ratio result up to 40% to conventional methods (Table 2 pg. 420 - *Two-byte-word 2.0* and *Huffman 1.9*). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the compressing and encoding by Ainon to the Huffman's technique by Unger because targeting and achieving up to 40% in size reduction would better preserve storage resources as intended in Unger's compression technique.

As per claim 16, this is a computer-readable medium claim corresponding to claim 1 above, including all the limitations therein, hence is rejected herein for the same reasons as set forth therein.

As per claim 19, this is a computer-readable medium claim corresponding to claim 4 above, including all the limitations therein, hence is rejected herein for the same reasons as set forth therein.

As per claim 21, Unger discloses a computer-readable medium including a computer program encoded program symbol names in a uncompressed from and associated with compiler information, said computer medium comprising the corresponding limitations of claim 10 above. Hence the claim is rejected herein for the same reasons as set forth therein.

As per claim 22, this claim includes the base program symbol being a container and corresponds to claim 12; hence is rejected with the rejection as set forth therein.

4. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unger et al, USPN: 5,991,713 (hereinafter Unger), in view of Porter et al., USPN: 6,163, 811, (hereinafter Porter)

As per claim 13, Unger discloses a compilation system suitable for compiling source programs, said compilation system comprising:

an enhanced compiler suitable for generation of enhanced compiler products (products *54-62* – Fig. 7), such compiler being operable to compile a source program having at least one program symbol name to produce the enhanced compiler products, such products having a reduced size in comparison with conventional compiler products (e.g. col. 1, line 47 to col. 2, line 39; steps *210, 212, 213, 218* -- Fig. 8); and

at least one enhanced non-compiler component operable to understand and utilize the enhanced compiler products (e.g. *proxy* – col. 14, lines 14-58 – Note: decompressing compressed data is equivalent to parsing and making use of compressed compiler products).

But Unger does not explicitly specify that the source program has at least one compressed encoded program symbol name, nor does Unger explicitly disclose including one or more differential names corresponding to a program symbol names. But this encoded symbol with differential symbols of a source file being formed with a base symbol has been addressed using the programming language compression by Porter teaching a base/delta in conjunction with suggestion by Unger in Run-Length encoding in claim 1.

5. Claims 9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unger et al, USPN: 5,991,713, in view of Porter et al., USPN: 6,163, 811; and Ainon, "Storing text using integer codes", 1986, *Proceedings of the 11th conference on Computational linguistics*; as applied to claims 1, 16 and further in view of (no author) G06F011/28 by Derwent 1998-236084, JP Pub N: JP 10074152A (hereinafter JP-DW-1998).

As per claim 9, Unger (with Ainon and Porter teachings) teaches an enhanced compressed compiler product, but fails to specify including therein an object file, an executable or a debugging information. Further, Porter discloses applying compression to Java program source code (e.g. col. 4, lines 6-24; Figs. 1-3), hence has suggested a program object code as mentioned in claim 8. Further, JP-DW-1998, in a debug system for compressing code as mentioned in claim 8 above, discloses compressing both the debug information and executable code in the deliverable that is to be loaded on the target computer (JP-DW-1998: see front page and ABSTRACT). In view of the rationale in claim 8 to combine Unger teachings with Porter's

for providing object file code, it would also be obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further include executable code and debug information in the compressed product as taught by JP-DW-1998 in order to enhance the utilization of the compressed code delivered as suggested by Porter (in combination with Unger) as to facilitate the debugging and additional memory usage as suggested by JP-DW-1998.

As per claim 20, this claim includes the same limitations as claim 15 above, hence is rejected herein for the same reasons as set forth therein.

6. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unger et al, USPN: 5,991,713, in view of Porter et al., USPN: 6,163, 811; as applied to claim 13; and further in view of (no author) G06F011/28 by Derwent 1998-236084, JP Pub N: JP 10074152A.

As per claim 15, this claim includes the same limitations as claims 8 and 9 above, hence is rejected herein for the same reasons as set forth therein.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 1/13/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Following are the Examiner's pertinent remarks.

Rejections 35 USC §103(a):

(A) Applicant has submitted that Unger's dictionaries symbols are mere text and thus do not teach a 'containing scope' (Appl. Rmrks, pg. 7, bottom, pg. 8, top). The claim specifies an encoded form of a source file being compressed; and the rejection using Unger mentions about encoding of source files the like of which implicate Huffman encoding or Run-Length encoding. Since it is the encoded format that is studied from the claim so as to detect what is a common pattern or base symbol in order for a differential encoding to be created based on such

determination, the object of such determination (i.e. base container or differential parts) clearly points to a sequence of alpha-numerical atomic elements, such elements being the result of encoding, i.e. not the original raw text elements. When Unger's tokens from parsing a source code are analyzed, or when browser files are packed using the above encoding scheme, those same alpha-numeric sequences would be analyzed and appropriate determination based upon repeated patterns of those atomic elements are effected according to a compression algorithm of choice (Huffman or Run-Length). The claims recites encoded forms being compressed; and since encoded form implies some alpha-numerical representation as recognized via the parsing or token representation or pre-compression encoding as taught by Unger, the compression by Unger necessarily applies to this form of encoded format of strings, i.e. after the textual original dictionary words are encoded (see Unger: col. 9, lines 46-50), hence not the original textual content. Whether patterns to be extracted as a base to which differential parts can be added are patterns from raw strings of 1s and 0s or from alpha-numeric sequences, the purpose is to find when such patterns can be replaced so to obviate storage resources; and compressing mostly is based on such replacement concept. Even if a target sequence is a only binary string or encoded alpha-numeric or even raw text elements, the compression technique is aiming at this same purpose of not storing repeated elements; and studying the alpha-numeric sequence to effect this methodology is what the invention and Unger is trying to accomplish. Besides, the rejection now uses Porter for providing additionally source files such as Java or C++ to be target for compression and distribution. Since distributed programs are for usage by the recipient, most form being compressed and sent to these recipient are necessarily low level form (i.e. encoded) and not textual format of code in regard to which it is recognized that the recipient of the

transmitted programming code have virtually no use for. The motivation as to send a encoded and compressed program or application files as taught by Unger so that those compressed files are Java encoded files would have been obvious in view of the rationale as set forth in the rejection.

(B) Applicants have submitted that Ainon does not disclose a containing scope nor does Ainon teach a reduced-size format of differential name (Appl. Rmrks, pg. 7, bottom, pg. 8, middle). The differential form is a form interpreted as being detected as different from the common pattern as mentioned above; hence when it is encoded and being incorporated as a differential element of the final compressed form, this differential form is reduced in size. And from Unger to Porter, to Ainon, this form of reducing the size by providing a differential form being thus reduced by appending it to a common container is disclosed because as soon as a differential form is determined based on the base container, the end result is a reduced form. The claim is not specific in describing further what this limitation such as 'have a reduced-size format' really consists of so as to distinguish it from what has been applied from the reference. The claim seems unclear about this reduced size encoded differential symbol and do not provide enough teaching as to what exactly what this 'containing scope' amounts to. Broad and reasonable interpretation has been used and common practiced methodologies behind the use of Porter delta encoding or Unger's technique of compression have been applied when interpreting compression techniques in conjunction with what is recited as 'differential name' or 'container scope'.

In short, the arguments are not persuasive and the rejections stand.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A Vu whose telephone number is (272) 272-3735. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4:30PM/Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kakali Chaki can be reached on (571)272-3719.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-3735 (for non-official correspondence – please consult Examiner before using) or 703-872-9306 (for official correspondence) or redirected to customer service at 571-272-3609.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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